

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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United States of America

- against -

24-CR-128 (CBA)(TAM)

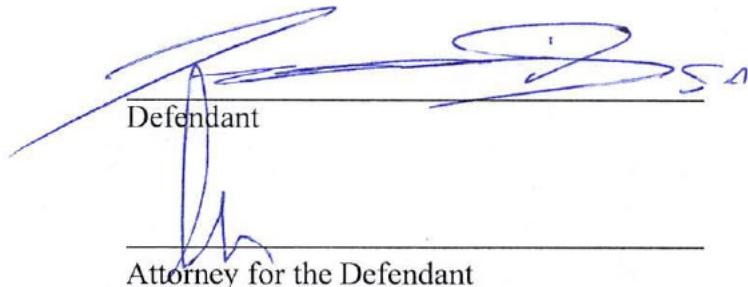
Sergio Esteban Arciniegas Pena

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TARYN A. MERKL, U.S.M.J.:

**CONSENT TO HAVE A PLEA TAKEN BEFORE UNITED STATES
MAGISTRATE JUDGE TARYN A. MERKL**

United States Magistrate Judge Taryn A. Merkl has informed me of my right to have my plea taken before a United States District Judge. I have further been advised, however, that I may consent to have my plea taken before Magistrate Judge Taryn A. Merkl. I understand that I will suffer no prejudice if I refuse to so consent. I further understand that if I do not consent, the District Court Judge assigned rather than the Magistrate Judge will conduct the plea allocution.

After having discussed this matter fully with my counsel, I hereby consent to enter my plea before United States Magistrate Judge Taryn A. Merkl.



Defendant

Attorney for the Defendant

Arciniegas

United States Attorney, E.D.N.Y.

By: Breon Peace
United States Attorney

Dated: 9/5/24

Taryn A. Merkl
Taryn A. Merkl, U.S.M.J.

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EXHIBIT NO. <u>2</u>
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